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Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

## SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

January 19, 2025

### Today in Worship

- The people walking in darkness have seen a great light (Is. 9:2). Jesus Christ has conquered death and brought life – both immediate and immortal – to light (2 Tim. 2:10). Life and light go hand in hand and with Jesus the Life, and the Light, shines in the darkness.



### Ringling of the Bells

**Announcements** (10:30am Service)

**Welcome**

### Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #802*

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

### Confession & Absolution

**P** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (*Romans 13:12*)

**G** God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (*1 John 1:5*)

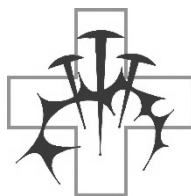
**P** And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. (*John 3:19*)

**C** **You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.** (*Psalms 90:8*)

**P** If your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!  
(*Matthew 6:23*)

**C** **I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.** (*Micah 7:9*)

**P** Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. (*Isaiah 50:10*)



Our Savior Christ Jesus has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light. (*2 Timothy 1:10*)

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Introit Psalm

*Ps. 27:1-2, 5-6, 13-14*

**P** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**C** **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

**P** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

**C** **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

**P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**C** **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

**P** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,

**C** and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**P** I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord

**C** in the land of the living!

**P** Wait for the Lord;

**C** be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

*Lutheran Service Book #906  
"O Day of Rest and Gladness"*

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives, we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

*"As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you."*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany is from Isaiah, chapter 62.

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
- <sup>3</sup> You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.
- <sup>5</sup> For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*“The Spirit bestows many gifts but for one purpose – that God may be glorified and His church edified.”*

**L** The Epistle Reading is from First Corinthians, chapter 12.

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

<sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse

John 2:11

**P** Alleluia. This, the first of His signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested His glory.

**C** **And His disciples believed in Him. Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

*“The first miracle of Jesus at Cana of Galilee, where He turned water into wine.”*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 2nd chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

<sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim.

<sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Nicene Creed** *8:00am service*

**The Apostles Creed** *10:30am service*

**Message for Children from God’s Word**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lutheran Service Book #408*

*“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Light of the world,

**C** dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid.

*Responses after each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** The fruit of Your Spirit is self-control. Move us to expose and expel all the works of darkness by beholding and belonging to Your Light, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# Offering

*“The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my  
life; of whom shall I be afraid?” – Ps. 27:1*



*We encourage you to place your offering in the  
dropbox in the narthex before service. As the usher  
brings the offering forward at this time you may also hold it up and  
place it in the plate as the usher walks by. Please also use this time for  
prayer and reflection upon what we have heard from the Lord’s Word  
this morning.*

# Offertory “What Shall I Render” / Psalm 116      LSB p. 159-160

*(10:30 a.m. Services continue page 10 of the Worship Folder.)*

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*8:00 a.m. Service*

# Service of the Sacrament

**The Lord’s Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.*



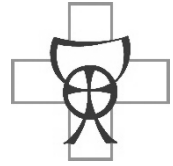
## **Preface** *Sung*

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## **Proper Preface**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should...

... evermore praising You and saying:



## **Sanctus** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

LSB p. 161

## **Lord’s Prayer** *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

## **The Words of our Lord** *Spoken*

LSB p. 162

## **Pax Domini** *“The Peace of Our Lord”*

LSB p. 163

## **Agnus Dei** *“Lamb of God”*

LSB p. 163

## **Distribution Hymns**

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

LSB # 849

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB # 412

“Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”

LSB # 631

## **Thank the Lord**

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## **Thanksgiving**

**P** For the joy of Your covenant with Abraham and Sarah to bless the world through their offspring,

**C** **we thank You, Lord.**

**P** For the joy of all the witnesses who observed Jesus' first sign and miracle as He turned water into wine,

**C** **we thank You, Lord.**

**P** For the joy of Jesus who proclaimed and demonstrated the coming Kingdom, and who suffered, died, rose, and ascended,

**C** **we thank You. We praise You. We adore You, Lord. Amen.**



# **Formula of Concord Reading Plan**

*January – Week 3 – The Week of January 19*

*The Topic this Month: Original Sin*

## Read:

- Smalcald Articles, Article I (p. 270-271)
- Solid Declaration, Article I, para. 33-49 (p. 515-517)





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